

SENATE PASSES NAVAL BILL

Appropriates \$533,000,000 to
Build Up the United
States Navy

PROVIDES FOR NEW NAVAL BASE

Fearing Peril in the Pacific
Votes Money for New
Navy Yard

Washington, D. C., March 3.—The Senate yesterday passed the \$533,000,000 bill for the upbuilding of the United States navy.

The Senate yesterday adopted by a vote of 46 to 26 the amendment to the navy bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for a naval base on San Francisco bay. The appropriation was strongly urged by the navy department.

The department had pointed out that the Mare Island navy yard is not equipped for repairing the superdreadnoughts now under construction.

Senator Phelan of California addressed the Senate at length in support of the amendment.

"We must establish such a base as recommended by the Helm commission on our Pacific coast," he urged. "It is not going too far to say that Germany probably intended, after parcelling Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to Mexico, to parcel out California, Oregon and Washington—perhaps to Japan."

Senator Phelan made the statement following receipt of President Wilson's and Secretary of State Lansing's letters saying the German-Mexico-Japan plot letter is authentic.

"This," the senator declared, "is well within their power to do, after the war, or for that matter, during the war."

"Our own knowledge of the facts must show us without any doubt or equivocation that it is well within the power of these governments to take the Pacific coast."

"What would it cost to recover it? Over the mountains we would hurry out

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troops, only to be stayed by the enemy, who would have blown up the railroads in the mountain passes.

We would hurry our fleet from the Atlantic only to find the canal obstructed, and then, when our fleet, such as it is, would arrive, it possibly would not be able to

cope with the enemy, because Hawaii would have been seized as a naval base;

Alaska's great coal fields would be the prize of the enemy and California's oil

fields would serve their navy.

"There is stern military necessity for such a base here to protect the Pacific."

UNIVERSAL TRAINING BILL INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

General Staff Measure Is Referred to the
Military Affairs Committee.

Washington, March 3.—Senator Watson yesterday introduced the army general staff's universal military service bill, which was referred to military affairs committee.

WAR RISK BUREAU EXTENDED.

House Adopts Measure Appropriating
\$15,000,000 for Its Use.

Washington, March 3.—The House yesterday adopted a Senate measure extending the life of the federal war risk insurance bureau until September, 1918, and appropriating an additional \$15,000,000 for its use.

ST. JOHNSBURY PLAYED WEAKLY

Spaulding Had No Difficulty
in Winning the League
Game, 32 to 12

ALTHOUGH MISSING TWO-THIRDS OF SHOTS

Team Work of Home Team
Was Excellent in
Comparison

Excelling in team work and all-round play, the Spaulding high school basketball team won from St. Johnsbury academy last night at the Spaulding gymnasium before one of the smallest crowds

of the season by a score of 32 to 12, in a game that was listless from beginning to end on account of the inability of the

players of both quintets to cage the ball.

In team work Spaulding put up the best game of the season, as their passing was very good and they did very little in fumbling the ball; but for some reason

none of the team timed their shots right, as shot after shot went wide of the basket and when they did hit the basket the

rim seemed to be on their trail and the ball would roll off or hit the edge of the rim and bounce to the floor, until the

last few minutes of play, when Geals dropped five through in quick order. At this point the lanky center jumped into

action, the same as he did in the earlier part of the season, and played rings around his man.

Spaulding had little difficulty in passing the ball and showed the best form in this department of any of the home

teams this year, as both Nichols and Mann were there to receive the ball from

Geals on the top-up and whoever dropped back to receive it almost always got hold of the ball without much trouble.

The Spaulding guards played well in receiving the ball on the top-up and several good passes were made by Denmore and Morse on carrying the ball up

the floor, but St. Johnsbury guards instead of following their men, always fell back to help guard the men approaching with the sphere, with the result that the Spaulding guards would

have to pass to their forwards, who would be in the rear uncovered. If Spaulding had been in good form in

shooting, with the team work which they displayed, the score might have been nearly doubled, as they lost more than

two-thirds of the baskets which they tried for.

There was no individual star on either side. Geals, at center, caged the ball the most times from the floor, making five through the evening, while Mann

managed to shoot four in the period which he played. Nichols at the other

forward position looped four and played a strong game. The new guard formation of Morse and Denmore worked well

together. Denmore playing a great defensive game, and followed his forward throughout both periods in good style.

Morse at the other guard is developing fast and after he gets accustomed to following his man will make a fine guard, as he is fast on his feet, follows the ball

well and is a good jumper. Ellis had the best luck of the visitors at shooting the basket, as he made three

shots from the floor, while Smith, Lougee and Noyes each looped one. Both

guards on the visiting team played a good game and appeared to be the pivot in the passing, while Noyes worked well

with them, as he was following the ball all the time; but the passing near their basket was always broken up by the

Spaulding guards. The game started with Nichols caging the first one within a few minutes, followed closely with a two-point maker

by Mann. Denmore followed with another basket and before Spaulding allowed the visitors a point, the score stood eight for the home team. During the

last few minutes of play in this period, the scoring was light, the half ending 13 to 4 in the home team's favor. In the

second period, Mann was received by Mike Cerasoli, who played a strong defensive game and he caged one while he

played. This period Spaulding worked the first few minutes in much the same manner as the first, but during the latter

period the whole team took a new brace of life and point-makers by Geals, Nichols and Cerasoli in quick order, together

with a foul shot by Geals, made the count for the period 19, giving them a

total of 32 while the best St. Johnsbury could do in this session was eight points. Ellis got away for two baskets

and Lougee, who took Smith's place at right forward, made one, while Noyes made one good. The score is as follows:

Spaulding. St. Johnsbury.
Mann, Cerasoli, H. 12, Gibson
Nichols, H. 10, Ashton
Geals, C. 5, Noyes
Morse, H. 4, Ellis
Denmore (Capt.), L. . . . 3, Smith, Lougee
Goals from the floor—Geals 5, Mann 4,
Nichols 4, Ellis 3, Denmore, Lougee,
Smith, Noyes, Cerasoli, Foul—Mann,
Timers—Shepard, Lougee and Smith.
Referee—Keneffick. Time—20-minute
halves.

General Sporting Notes.
Ben Shaw, the Kentucky fence buster,
is at Macon, Ga., swinging his old war
club against the recruit pitchers in the

Yankee training camp with the same deadly effect he did in the minor league during the past two or three years. Shaw finds himself firmly entrenched as one of the big rookies at the training camp this spring, but a different story may be told when he meets the slants of the regulars next week. While Shaw is somewhat of a hitter, the question worrying the New York magnates at present is whether or not he can catch major league ball.

According to reports from inside soccer sources, George Collins of Boston will be the new secretary of the United States Football association. The annual meeting in May promises a few very sweeping changes.

For some time there have been many reports that the official soccer family was not in perfect accord, which is essential for the welfare of the association. Consequently the progress of soccer has been retarded, and until the men controlling the game come to an understanding, there will be but small chance for the advancement of the sport.

"Larry" Gardner of Enosburg Falls has signed a contract to play with the Red Sox this season, and will be among the second band of players to reach Hot Springs. Gardner has not been considered a holdout. He will take his bride to Hot Springs through the training season.

President Frazee intends to keep Hobitzel with the Red Sox this year and says that if Hobitzel plays this summer, it will be with the Boston team. Hobitzel wishes to play with Chicago or Cleveland in the American league.

Washington hears
VILLA IS ABLE TO
FIGHT NO MORE

His Physical Condition Such That He Is
No Longer a Factor in Mexican
Situation.

Washington, March 3.—Practical elimination of Francisco Villa as a factor in the Mexican situation was reported to the state department yesterday from two sources. An American consul, whose name could not be given, was authority for the statement that Villa is practically eliminated because of his physical condition. General Murguia, Carranza

commander, was quoted by another American official to the same effect. Officials here say that there is no indication that Villa forces have moved in

behind General Pershing's troops and occupied the abandoned territory. The belief is expressed, on the other hand, that they have been pretty well dissipated.

GERMAN EMPEROR HAS SEVERE COLD

Confined Indoors, But Keeps in Touch
with Military Headquarters Daily
—Condition Not Serious.

London, March 3.—The German emperor is suffering from a severe cold, according to a Berlin report received by the Exchange Telegraph company by way of Amsterdam. It is stated that the emperor is compelled to remain indoors

but receives the ministers and communicates daily with headquarters. The dispatch says that the patient's condition does not cause anxiety but that his doctors insist on great caution.

A "MELTING POT."
It Was That in Which Bouck White
Burned Flag.

New York, March 3.—Charged with desecrating the American flag by burning it, together with flags of other nations in this city on July 9 last, Rev. Bouck White and ten of his followers, including two women, were placed on trial here yesterday.

White claims he burned the flags in a "melting pot" to signify the importance of international industrialism. In his personal examination of talesmen, he asked questions regarding the interest of prospective jurors in war contracts and denied any intention of insulting the flag.

PORTO RICO AND
INDIAN BILLS
ARE SIGNED

First Gives Resident of the Islands
United States Citizen-
ship.

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson yesterday signed the Indian appropriation bill and the Porto Rico bill, giving residents of the island citizenship and changing its form of government.

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Head

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LOAN TO TURKEY.
Austria to Lend \$48,000,000 to Aid Her
Ally.

Berne (via Paris), March 3.—A Vienna dispatch says that Austria will lend Turkey 240,000,000 crowns for an unnamed period.

The money is to be used for purchases in Austria-Hungary.

WILSON FOR "DRY" CAPITAL.
President Ready to Deliver a Knockout
Blow to Liquor.

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson will sign the District of Columbia prohibition bill, it was learned yesterday. The knockout blow to liquor is to be landed to-day or Sunday.

Dead in Automobile.
New Britain, Conn., March 3.—Charles Taft, of the Ashwell garage, 71 Pearl street, Hartford, was found dead with three bullet holes in the back of his head in an automobile on a suburban street yesterday. The machine is said to have stood at the place from 9 o'clock Thursday night until yesterday.

NORTHLIFF WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US FINANCE FRANCE

America's Share in Crushing Burden
Would Be of Great Aid to Sister
Republic.

London, March 3.—Lord Northcliffe, the publisher, said in an address yesterday before the American Luncheon club, he had every assurance the British could finance the war, but that he would welcome some shifting of the enormous financial burden and would be glad if America showed some of its historic sympathy with France by bearing some of the crushing financial strain which had been imposed on her.

Lord Northcliffe also said he was certain the allies could win the war by themselves, but that for many sentimental reasons "I would like to see America in the war side by side with us."

BRITISH STEAMER
SINKS A U-BOAT
AT 7,500 YARDS

Gunner on Knight Companion, on Way
to New Orleans, Destroys Subsea
Craft in Atlantic.

New Orleans, March 3.—Destruction of a German submarine in the Atlantic by the British steamer Knight Companion was reported yesterday by the steamer's officers on her arrival here. The steamer was several days on her way to New Orleans, according to the story, when she sighted a German submarine.

The undersea boat fired five shots, which missed the steamer, before the latter got her defensive gun into action. The British gunner's second shot struck the submarine, which, it was stated, immediately sank, leaving on the surface wide patches of oil. Nothing was seen of her crew.

The exact date and location of the fight were not given and the master, Capt. John Kendall, declined to discuss the incident.

THOUSANDS IN ONIONS.
Warehouse Owners "Onion Kings"—Small
Farmers Get Slight Share.

Some were born rich, some speculated in war brides and others—raised onions! Or rather, they built warehouses and filled them up last October with the onions other people raised. And they sat down and waited.

And while they waited, 113,000,000 highly paid and ravenous citizens attacked and overhauled one potato crop and one cabbage crop and scooped up one

bean crop like a dish of peas. Whereupon the 113,000,000, still just as ravenous, and by reason of the Christmas bonuses, a little richer, turned 226,000,000—including a few glass ones—eyes on those

warehouses and in the pre-emptory tone commonly assumed by prosperity-mad public, demanded: "We want onions."

To which the lords of the warehouses answered: "You can have onions all right—but they'll cost you \$8 a bag."

Now away back in December that was pretty sensational business—selling onions for \$8 when you'd never before in all your life sold them for more than \$6.

But when you got \$10 and then \$12 and \$13, and then \$14—\$15 to-day, and tomorrow and to-morrow not yet, and Texas as onions on account of the cold snaps not coming in till the last of April!

Storage is the whole thing, say the gossips. That is why, of course, the bonanza of 1917, while it has produced a few "onion kings," has produced mighty few of the lesser nobility. Joseph Rosenblum, a Jewish warehouse man originally hailing from New York, but voting now in South Deerfield, has actually, according to pretty creditable authority, made more than \$40,000 this year, without raising a single onion. Campbell has 100 acres, but the bulk of his immense profits has been earned in his storerooms. F. C. Kidder, Manning, Richard Graves of Sunderland, Aleck Griepko, his fellow townsman, reputed to have led the list of Polish grocers with a profit of \$10,000, the Beldens, Clarence, Howard and Oscar, of Bradstreet; Romna Skabisky of Sunderland, once known as the "onion king," but now only one of a galaxy; Arthur Hubbard of Sunderland; Worth Goodwin, said to have bought a \$15,000 house in Northampton, all have won fame and fortunes of from \$5,000 up simply by their having the room to "store" in a good year.

But the original grower, the Polish farmer, whose wife and half a dozen children weeded the rows from May to August, on hands and knees painfully under the blistering sun, probably with the baby in his carriage at one end of the field perpetually anticipating meal times, got nothing much out of the ordinary.

Last year's crop ran about 300 bushels, on an average, to the acre. The normal is around 400, but 300 is not, as crops go, considered bad. Moreover, nobody, least of all the growers themselves, foresaw the enormous advances in the cost of foodstuffs predestined for this winter.

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and nobody realized just yet exactly what the shortage of the potato, cabbage, and bean crop was going to amount to, either in figures or effect.

So the farmers who produced about 800,000 of the 1,100,000 bushels grown in the Connecticut valley, sold their product for an average little bit at all over \$2 a bag. It was a good 300-bushel crop price, and was the best that could be said for it. When the crop yields 400 bushels to an acre, the grower's price is generally around \$1.40.

A few of the Polish farmers had warehouses like Griepko and Skabisky, a few more, perhaps, had storage cellars. But most of the latter, fearing a fatal combination of freezes and thaws, sold late in the fall, when the price was around \$4.

By the first of December, then, the "kings" had the market pretty well cornered. After that it was all in the game of watchful waiting. When the price hit \$8, things began to go, when it might be \$12 any minute. And as a matter of fact in a very few minutes, as minutes go in a year, it was \$12. Just at present the Philadelphia and New York markets, having stocked up for the time being on \$15 onions, the "kings" are waiting to see where the next wave will carry the price.

"Kings" is right. If before those first Texas onions start north some wave of demand carries the price to \$20, those 50 cars now left in the valley unsold are going to be worth, at \$20 to the bag, 250 bags to the car, just \$250,000. And they cost originally just \$2 a bag. Of course it's not all going to one person in each case, but certain people in the Connecticut valley may be passing around a neat little profit one of these days of 800 per cent.

The funniest, and also the saddest, thing about it, say the gossips, is the part the onion growers' co-operative association didn't play. Last year they formed a "co-operative" up South Deerfield way, with enthusiasm enough to

launch a circus party. They hired a manager and made a first payment down on ground for a co-operative warehouse. Then, last year being only a fair to middling proposition as regards onions, they quit cold.

But if they hadn't—there might not be so many people going around and saying: "It's all storage," as though it hurt them to say it.—Springfield Republican.

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